

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2920

**Introduced by Assembly Members Leno, Berg, Goldberg, Koretz,
and Laird**

(Coauthors: Senators Kehoe and Kuehl)

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 9015 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
relating to seniors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2920, as introduced, Leno. Seniors.

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act, establishes the California Department of Aging in the California Health and Human Services Agency. Existing law sets forth the duties and powers of the department.

Existing law defines greatest social need for purposes of that act.

This bill would change the definition of greatest social need contained in the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9015 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 9015. "Greatest social need" means the need caused by
- 4 noneconomic factors, that include physical and mental
- 5 disabilities, language barriers, cultural or social isolation,
- 6 including that caused by *actual or perceived* racial and ethnic
- 7 status (for example, ~~Black~~ African-American, Hispanic,

1 American Indian, and Asian American), *ancestry, national*
2 *origin, religion, sex, gender identity, marital status, familial*
3 *status, sexual orientation, or by any other basis set forth in*
4 *Section 12921 of the Government Code, or by association with a*
5 *person or persons with one or more of these actual or perceived*
6 *characteristics, that restrict an individual's ability to perform*
7 *normal daily tasks or that threaten his or her capacity to live*
8 *independently.*

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